GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:408
ANSWERED ON:10.04.2003
NATIONAL POLICY FOR OLD PEOPLE
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced a National Policy for Older Persons in 1999;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the amount spent during each of the last three years to protect the elderly persons in the country and the provisions made for the purpose in the budget for 2003-04;

(d) whether the Union Government provides financial grants to the States to protect elderly persons with equal attention being given to the rural and urban poor;

(e) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise;

(f) whether the State Governments have enacted an legislation to protect the elderly people; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (g)) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 FOR ANSWER ON 10TH APRIL, 2003 (PRIORITY NO. 7TH) REGARDING NATIONAL P0LICY FOR OLD PEOPLE BY SHRI NARESH PUGLIA.

Part (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have announced the National Policy on Older Persons in 1999 which, inter-alia visualizes support for financial security, health care and nutrition, shelter, emphasis upon education, training and information needs, provision of appropriate concessions and discounts etc. to Senior Citizens and special attention to protect and strengthen their legal rights such as to safeguard their life and property.

Part (c) : The financial assistance given as grant-in-aid to the non-governmental organizations by this Ministry under the two grant-in-aid schemes for the welfare of older persons during the last three years i.e. 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 is given as under:

S.No.	Scheme	Grant-in-aid released during (Rs. in crores)		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	Integrated Programme for Older Persons (Plan Scheme)	12.39	14.61	16.50
2.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for construction of Old aged homes etc. (Non-Plan Scheme)	0.72	1.14	1.14

Budget Estimates for the year 2003-04 under Integrated programme for Older Persons (Plan Scheme) is Rs. 17.80 crores and for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for construction of Old Age Homes etc. (Non-Plan Scheme) is Rs. 1.14 crores.

Part (d): The Ministry of Rural Development has been administering the National Old Age Pension Scheme under which central assistance @ Rs.75/- per month/per person was provided to the States/UTs for providing pension to destitute older persons aged 65 years and above. This Scheme has been transferred to the State Plan from the year 2002-2003.

Part (e): The year wise allocation for the above Scheme for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 is given at Annexure.

Parts (f) & (g): The Government of Himachal Pradesh has enacted the Himachal Pradesh Maintenance of Parents and Dependents Act, 2001, for providing maintenance to inter-alia, dependent old parents and relatives.

Amount released to the States/UTs by the Government of India under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) for the year 1999 2000 to 2001-02.

S.No.	States/UTs	Amount released (Rs.in lakh)		
		1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4361.76	4360.76	4355.65
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7.07	66.60	45.42
3.	Assam	745.87	2344.31	2482.52
4.	Bihar	5761.09	4268.85	4801.24
5.	Chattisgarh	-	1005.13	965.47
6.	Goa	27.94	27.94	19.54
7	Gujarat	320.92	370.53	338.63
8.	Haryana	498.94	450.14	453.89
9.	Himachal Pradesh	233.29	200.12	199.72
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	299.545	228.02	162.54
11.	Jharkhand	-	1250.95	1174.43
12.	Karnataka	2959.63	2899.69	2581.38
13.	Kerala	1274.72	947.96	1096.62
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4610.76	3056.14	3297.74
15.	Maharashtra	3047.39	3161.48	2560.97
16.	Manipur	87.71	251.00	315.92
17.	Meghalaya	94.79	297.33	281.00
18.	Mizoram	29.20	91.62	91.62
19.	Nagaland	41.02	221.75	206.28
20.	Orissa	3573.63	2962.35	3837.36
21.	Punjab	317.91	429.15	329.25
22.	Rajasthan	1420.79	1390.60	1441.85
23.	Sikkim	14.90	94.57	94.12
24.	Tamil Nadu	3158.57	3086.94	2894.07
25.	Tripura	178.18	497.93	539.42
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7315.09	6629.80	7840.17
27.	Uttranchal	-	385.00	329.02
28.	West Bengal	4216.81	2965.01	3208.91
29.	A & N Islands	8.69	0.00	7.81
30.	Chandigarh	13.66	8.83	5.87
31.	D & N Haveli	-	10.62	10.60
32.	Daman and Diu	2.48	1.95	1.93
33.	NCT Delhi	124.79	0.00	0.00
34.	Lakshadweep	0.93	0.00	0.00
35.	Pondicherry	49.05	24.53	43.84
	Total	44797.125	43987.60	46014.80